

# **Ellis Lawrence personal narrative S0811**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Lawrence, Ellis
<b>Title</b>	Ellis Lawrence personal narrative
<b>Date</b>	1862/09/13
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S0811

### Preferred Citation

Ellis Lawrence personal narrative, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Historical Note

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The Defense of Cincinnati, also referred to as "The Siege of Cincinnati," occurred from September 1 to 13, 1862 and was part of the Confederate Heartland Offensive during the U.S. Civil War. Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith instructed Brigadier General Henry Heth to move towards the Cincinnati area, not to attack, but to make a "demonstration." Cincinnati Mayor George Hatch ordered all businesses to be closed and Major General Lew Wallace declared martial law in Cincinnati, Ohio and in nearby Covington and Newport, Kentucky. By September 5th, Wallace ordered the resumption of business, and even though more than 14,000 men volunteered to help defend the city, able-bodied men who did not join in the defense were arrested by the provost guards.

Sources:

Information found within collection.

Stern, Joseph S, Jr. "The Siege of Cincinnati." *Bulletin of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio* 18, no. 3 (July, 1960): 162-186. Accessed April 21, 2016. <http://library.cincymuseum.org/aag/documents/hpsobull-v18-n3-sie-163.pdf>.

Wikipedia contributors, "Defense of Cincinnati," *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*, Accessed April 21, 2016. [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Defense\\_of\\_Cincinnati&oldid=714277740](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Defense_of_Cincinnati&oldid=714277740).

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains a handwritten account by Ellis Lawrence, dated September 13, 1862, describing his experiences during the "Siege of Cincinnati" in the Civil War. Due to his Quaker faith, Lawrence refused to participate in any military activity for the defense of the city. His account describes the beliefs of the Quakers and his arrest, detainment and treatment by the guards during his short confinement during September 10-13, 1862.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L173: Lew Wallace collection

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Cincinatti (Ohio)
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865
- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives

### Subject(s)

- Conscientious objectors
- Personal narratives
- Quakers
- Quakers--Indiana--History--19th century
- Sieges